Memorandum

Date:

May 7, 2009

To:

Office of Assistant Commissioner, Field

From:

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

Central Division

File No.:

401.A10585.09SP1stqtr

Subject:

STRATEGIC PLANNING - 2009 FIRST QUARTER REPORT

Attached for your review and approval is the Central Division Strategic Plan quarterly report for 2009. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Lieutenant Jeff Kahn or Pat Heintz, AGPA at (559)277-7250.

J. R. ABRAMES, Chief

Attachment

Area/Division:

401-Central Division

Goal 1.1 - Prevent the loss of life, injuries, and property damage.

Performance Measure(s): The Department will seek a statewide collision reduction of 5 percent, compared to a prior three-year average (2005 - 2007), by December 31, 2010.

Collision statistics are reported to each Division/Area via the Strategic Plan Statistical Report

Monthly Reconciliation with Program-10, AIS.

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Goal 1.2 - Maximize service to the public and assistance to allied agencies.

Performance Measure(s): The Department will increase the availability of collision reports within the eightday time frame to 90 percent during the life of the Strategic Plan through 2010.

Qtr. 4 Cmltv. Qtr. 2 Qtr. 3 Injury/PDO Collision Reports Qtr. 1 4831 4831 Total No. of Reports 4006 4006 Rpts. Available ≤ 8 days 83% #DIV/01 #DIV/01 #DIV/0! % Available ≤ 8 days 83% Preliminary Fatal/MAIT/Hit&Run (follow-Cmltv. Qtr. 1 Qtr. 2 Qtr. 3 Qtr. 4 up) reports 102 102 Total No. of Reports 67 67 Rpts. Available ≤ 8 days 66% #DIV/0! #DIV/0! 66% #DIV/0! % Available ≤ 8 days

Goal 1.4 - Manage traffic and emergency incidents.

Performance Measure: The Department will seek a 5 percent reduction of incident-driven highway closures by December 31, 2010.

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Cmltv.
Number of traffic-related incidents where			**		
a full freeway or major state route is					
closed over 90 minutes.	15				15

Goal 1.5 - Protect public and state assets.

Performance Measure: The Department will reduce auto theft statewide by 5 percent by December 31, 2010.

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Cmltv.
Number of CHP Vehicle Theft(s)	659	235011-1-111			659
Number of Allied Agency Vehicle Theft(s)	2				2

Motorcycle Collisions:

8 Fatal

104 Injury

33 PDO



Comments*

Goal 1.1

Central Division, through visible proactive patrol, facilitating various programs and education venues, and participation in Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grants, contributes to statewide efforts in preventing the loss of life, injuries and property damage. Supervisors stress the importance of enforcing laws that have a significant impact on reducing the number of fatal/injury collisions, victims killed in collisions, and victims injured in collisions (DUI, speed and occupant restraint violations). Our efforts will assist the Department in achieving its goal of a five percent collision reduction compared to a prior three-year average

The new grant cycle began January 1, 2009 and ends September 30, 2009. Grant funds for overtime reimbursement under the Comprehensive Approach to Reducing Speed (CARS) grant were allocated to Central Division Areas. The grant focuses on PCFs through visible proactive patrol and education with an emphasis on three separate elements, state highways, county roads, motorcycle enforcement and includes radar deployments, and local traffic safety presentations. Approximately 15 percent of the allocated hours have been used through the FLSA period ending March 15, 2009

Overtime hours were also allocated under the statewide Sobriety Checkpoint Operations & Roving DUI Enforcement (SCORE) Grant - AL0969. Activity under this grant includes DUI task force operations, roving patrol/enforcement, sobriety/driver license checkpoints, and DUI local traffic safety presentations and designated driver programs. Central Division was instrumental in deterring and removing a number of impaired drivers from California's roadways during the first quarter. Eleven roving DUI task force operations resulted in 36 DUI arrests, 77 field sobriety tests were conducted, 138 citations were issued, 24 unlicensed drivers were identified, and 23 vehicles were stored. Approximately 10 percent of the allocated hours have been used through the FLSA period ending March 15, 2009.

Funding continued for the second federal fiscal year under the statewide Street Racing Education and Enforcement Grant - PT0819 This grant focuses on educating officers and providing them with the tools needed to impact the illegal street racing scene, thus a reduction in deaths and injuries caused by street racing collisions. Central Division's trainers provided training to officers division-wide in January and February. One-hundred officers were trained and scheduled enforcement events began March 20, 2009 and will continue through June 30, 2009.

The Buttonwillow Area is involved in a corridor project with the local community, including Caltrans and local legislators, to reduce accidents on SR 119. The Area had six fatal accidents on SR 119 in 2007. A task force was formed to address the number of accidents. The Kern Council of Governments (KERNCOG) contracted with the Department to provide the Area with \$180,000 in overtime funding to enforce PCF violations on the corridor. The project has been successful in reducing accidents with only two fatal accidents occurring within the last 15 months. The Area has received additional grant funding, approximately \$300,000, from OTS to continue enforcement as part of the Highway 119 Safety Corridor Project. Joint meetings are chaired by the Area Commander. The last meeting was held March 12, 2009 and a press conference is scheduled for May 14, 2009.

The Central Division Commercial Unit conducted 17 strike force operations during the first quarter. Joint efforts with the Central Division Skywatch Team resulted in 2,091 commercial mover citations and 271 seatbelt citations



The Central Division Safety and Farm Labor Vehicle Education (SAFE) Unit conducted 24 farm labor vehicle (FLV) strike force operations, 298 FLV and 71 passenger FLV non-punitive inspections at eight different inspection sites. The aggressive enforcement of uncertified farm labor vehicles continues; however, due to the elimination of the SAFE overtime budget, the hours of patrol time have been slightly reduced.

Air Operations personnel contributed to efforts by issuing 493 citations, assisted at 32 collision scenes and assisted in two pursuits.

Goal 1.2

Central Division administrative staff handle numerous inquiries on a daily basis responding to public needs of aid or information. Various personnel provide traffic safety presentations with local community groups and schools along with providing several hundred radio and television PSAs. PSAs include general safe driving tips, rules of the road, reminders on the use of protective restraint systems, and tips for driving in the fog (during the winter months).

Daily briefings and discussion throughout the Division are used to emphasize the Strategic Plan's goal of improving both the quality and timeliness of reports. Ongoing training is provided to officers to improve the quality of reports and stress the importance of the eight-day time frame. Area supervisory and managerial staff are kept apprised of report status with weekly updates. Several Areas have implemented specific tracking systems to assist in achieving this goal.

Central Division MAIT investigated 17 cases in the first quarter. Fourteen of these cases are complete. Due the complexity, the average completion time for these was 29 days.

The Central Division Commercial Unit efforts provided seven allied agency presentations during the first quarter.

Public Information Officers provided three traffic safety presentations to juvenile traffic offenders under a court-ordered program, "Experience in Reality."

Goal 1.4

Inclement weather was the cause of numerous road closures throughout the Division during the first quarter. Modesto Area notes a diesel fuel spillage and closure where SR-132 was closed for approximately 4 hours and 45 minutes. Proper notifications were made and appropriate procedures were followed. Additionally, the Central Division Traffic Management Center (TMC) made immediate notification to the media concerning full-freeway or major state route closures and alternate routes via fax. TMC reports traffic conditions, full-freeway or major state route closures and alternate routes during eight daily television reports and 25 daily radio reports.

One of the MAIT cases noted above required a closure of a state route in excess of 90 minutes. The case involved a Tulare County Sheriff Deputy resulting in a fatality.

Although Chowchilla River Inspection Facility's primary function is commercial inspection and regulation, personnel monitor the Orange frequency for incidents in the vicinity of the Facility. During the first quarter, CRIF personnel responded to 22 incidents in the local area (Merced and Madera Areas). These incidents included collisions, stranded motorists, CHP and Allied Agency back-ups, PACE, and medical emergencies.



Area/Divison:

401-Central Division

Goal 3.3 - Customer Service					
Performance Measure: Commanders someetings and meet with board members documented in quarterly reports.					
Number of meetings held between commanders and local county	QII. I	Q(II, Z	Qtr. 5	Qti. 4	Onnev.
board of supervisors.	61				6.

Comments on guarterly meetings and Community Outreach:

Area commanders meet regularly with their respective local County Boards of Supervisors and other local governmental groups (i.e., Public Works Departments, Caltrans, District Attorneys, Chambers of Commerce) to address mutual concerns.

The Department's Community Outreach Inclusion Plan was provided to Commanders and was discussed at the April DACC. Chief Abrames conveyed his expectations for improving Central Division's community outreach programs to further promote the Department's success in reaching out to all of California's diverse communities.

A focus group meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2009 to discuss the CHP's Strategic Plan and its relation to the El Protector Program in reducing DUI collisions and fatalities. Division representatives will include Chief Abrames, the Special Services Commander, the Special Services Coordinator, and the SAFE Sergeant. Attendees will include over 25 members of the Hispanic Community throughout Central Division. The focus of the discussion will be enhancing traffic safety in the Hispanic/Latino community and promoting awareness in the Department's effort to reduce at-fault traffic collisions for persons with Hispanic/Latino surnames. The Commercial Unit will conduct follow-up meetings with Chief Abrames to look at revitalizing the El Protector Program within the Division.

Chief Abrames provided the opening remarks at the Martin Luther King Freedom March on January 19, 2009. Personnel led the parade through downtown Fresno. The parade also provided an opportunity to meet with Fresno County Supervisor Henry Perea. Additionally, a sergeant from Hanford Area is a member of the Black History Celebration Organizational Committee and meets with this group on a regular basis. Several other staff members from the Area participated in the Black History Celebration dinner at the Hanford Civic Auditorium in February.

Central Division participated in the AMGEN "Tour of California Bike Race" February 17-19, 2009. Planning for the event provided opportunities to meet with the local Boards of Supervisors in Madera and Mariposa counties. Area Commanders were instrumental in addressing any concerns individual counties had about necessary road closures and ensuring the safety of the public. The actual event provided prospects for nurturing relationships with citizens within the diverse communities.



The SAFE Unit provides numerous traffic safety education and community outreach events throughout the Central Valley. Nineteen migrant public education presentations were provided by the unit during the first quarter. The Commercial Unit provided four community outreach seminars.



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From:

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

Central Division

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Subject:

STRATEGIC PLANNING - 2009 SECOND QUARTER REPORT

Attached for your review and approval is the Central Division Strategic Plan quarterly report for 2009. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Lieutenant Jason Elsome or Pat Heintz, AGPA at (559)277-7250.

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Area/Division:

CENTRAL DIVISION - 401

Goal 1.1 - Prevent the loss of life,	injuries, a	nd prop	erty dar	nage.	
Performance Measure(s): The Department will a prior three-year average (2005 - 2007), by De Collision statistics are reported to each Division/A	ecember 31, 1	2010.			ent, compared to
Monthly Reconciliation with Program-10, AIS.			✓ P	lease check box	
Motorcycle Statistics	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Cmltv.
Fatal	8	14			22
Injury	104	127			231
PDO	33	38			71

Goal 1.2 - Maximize service to the	public an	d assist	ance to	allied age	ncies.
Performance Measure(s): The Department wil day time frame to 90 percent during the life of	l increase th the Strategi	e availabil c Plan thro	ity of collis	sion reports w	vithin the eight-
Injury/PDO Collision Reports	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Cmltv.
Total No. of Reports	4831	4781			9612
Rpts. Available ≤ 8 days	4006	4000			8006
% Available ≤ 8 days	83%	84%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	83%
Preliminary Fatal/MAIT/Hit&Run (follow- up) reports	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Cmltv.
Total No. of Reports	102	114			216
Rpts. Available ≤ 8 days	67	86			153
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Goal 1.4 - Manage traffic and emerg					
Performance Measure: The Department will see	ek a 5 perc	ent reductio	on of incid	ent-driven hi	ghway closures
by December 31, 2010.					
	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Cmltv.
Number of traffic-related incidents where					
a full freeway or major state route is					

Goal 1.5 - Protect public and state a	issets.				
Performance Measure: The Department will rec	duce auto tl	neft statew	ide by 5 pe Qtr. 3	ercent by Dec	cember 31, 2010. Cmltv.
Number of CHP Vehicle Theft(s)	659	566			1225
Number of Allied Agency Vehicle Theft(s)	2	0			2



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CENTRAL DIVISION - 401

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Number of traffic-related incidents where a full freeway or major state route is closed over 90 minutes.	15	9			24

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Comments on Goal 1.1 - 1.5:

Goal 1.1

Central Division, through visible proactive patrol, facilitating various programs and education venues, and participation in Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grants, contributes to statewide efforts in preventing the loss of life, injuries and property damage. Supervisors stress the importance of enforcing laws that have a significant impact on reducing the number of fatal/injury collisions, victims killed in collisions, and victims injured in collisions (DUI, speed and occupant restraint violations). Our efforts will assist the Department in achieving its goal of a five percent collision reduction compared to a prior three-year average.

The first phase of the 2009 grant cycle began January 1, 2009 and ends September 30, 2009. Grant funds for overtime reimbursement under the Comprehensive Approach to Reducing Speed (CARS) grant were allocated to Central Division Areas. The grant focuses on PCFs through visible proactive patrol and education with an emphasis on three separate elements, state highways, county roads, motorcycle enforcement and includes radar deployments, and local traffic safety presentations. Approximately 50 percent of the allocated hours have been used through the FLSA period ending June 7, 2009. Areas have been surveyed to ensure that all allocated hours will be used by the end of the grant cycle. The remaining hours have been designated to enhance enforcement through the heavy traffic seasons of summer vacations and beginning of harvesting.

Overtime hours were also allocated under the statewide Sobriety Checkpoint Operations & Roving DUI Enforcement (SCORE) Grant - AL0969. Activity under this grant includes DUI task force operations, roving patrol/enforcement, sobriety/driver license checkpoints, and DUI local traffic safety presentations and designated driver programs. Central Division was instrumental in deterring and removing a number of impaired drivers from California's roadways during the second quarter. Nine checkpoints resulted in 26 DUI arrests, 56 field sobriety tests were conducted, 189 citations were issued, 138 unlicensed drivers were identified, and 147 vehicles were stored of the 4,660 vehicles screened. Fifteen roving DUI task force operations resulted in 67 DUI arrests, 147 field sobriety tests were conducted, 234 citations were issued, 39 unlicensed drivers were identified, and 47 vehicles were stored. Approximately 36 percent of the allocated hours have been used through the FLSA period ending June 7, 2009. Areas have been surveyed to ensure that all allocated hours will be used by the end of the grant cycle. Hours have been designated to enhance DUI enforcement during the numerous summer events and activities division-wide. Additionally, four checkpoints are scheduled through the end of third quarter.

Funding continued for the second federal fiscal year under the statewide Street Racing Education and Enforcement Grant - PT0819. This grant focuses on educating officers and providing them with the tools needed to impact the illegal street racing scene, thus a reduction in deaths and injuries caused by street racing collisions. Enforcement events began late in the first quarter. Two operations were conducted during the first quarter and ten during the second. The life of the grant, January 2008 through June 30, 2009, resulted in 141 vehicles impounded, 1,085 equipment violations, 6 stolen vehicle recoveries, 7 stolen vehicle parts recovered, 1,490 non-in custody 215s, and 65 DUI arrests. Approximately 86 percent of the allocated funds have been used through the FLSA period ending June 7, 2009. It is anticipated that the remaining 14 percent was used during the last three scheduled operations through June 30, 2009.

The Buttonwillow Area is involved in a corridor project with the local community, including Caltrans and local legislators, to reduce accidents on SR 119. The Area had six fatal accidents on SR 119 in 2007. A task force was formed to address the number of accidents.



The Kern Council of Governments (KERNCOG) initially contracted with the Department to provide the Area with \$180,000 in overtime funding to enforce PCF violations on the corridor. Additional funding totaling \$300,000 was secured through OTS to continue enforcement as part of the PT 0907 - Safe Highway Coalitions III, Buttonwillow Safety Corridor I. Enforcement overtime with this funding began April 1, 2009 and will continue through March 31, 2010 The project has been successful in reducing accidents with only two fatal accidents occurring during the last 18 months. A press conference was held May 14, 2009.

The Central Division Safety and Farm Labor Vehicle Education (SAFE) Unit conducted 29 farm labor vehicle (FLV) strike force operations, 228 FLV and 64 passenger FLV non-punitive inspections at eight different inspection sites. The aggressive enforcement of uncertified farm labor vehicles continues; however, due to the elimination of the SAFE overtime budget, the hours of patrol time have been slightly reduced.

Air Operations personnel contributed to efforts by issuing 502 citations, assisted at 37 collision scenes and assisted in seven pursuits.

The Central Division Motor Carrier Safety Unit (MCSU) completed 905 BITs during the quarter, indicating a 91% completion rate. The Unit also participated in the National Passenger Carrier Strike Force, May 8-21, 2009, MCSU personnel teamed with Commercial Unit personnel each weekday of the Strike Force to conduct motor coach inspections, both roving and at fixed locations.

Goal 1.2

Central Division administrative staff handle numerous inquiries on a daily basis responding to public needs of aid or information. Various personnel provide traffic safety presentations with local community groups and schools along with providing several hundred radio and television PSAs. PSAs include general safe driving tips, rules of the road, reminders on the use of protective restraint systems, and tips for driving in the fog (during the winter months).

Daily briefings and discussion throughout the Division are used to emphasize the Strategic Plan's goal of improving both the quality and timeliness of reports. Ongoing training is provided to officers to improve the quality of reports and stress the importance of the eight-day time frame. Area supervisory and managerial staff are kept apprised of report status with weekly updates. Several Areas have implemented specific tracking systems to assist in achieving this goal.

Public Information Officers provided three traffic safety presentations to juvenile traffic offenders under a court-ordered program, "Experience in Reality." Additionally, staff facilitated two Start Smart classes for new drivers from the ages of 15 1/2 to 20 years old.

The Central Division Commercial Unit personnel provided 14 allied agency presentations during the first quarter.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) requested assistance from MCSU personnel in a joint effort with National Park Service personnel to conduct a motor coach inspection strike force in Yosemite National Park in June. At the request of A-Z Bus Sales, MCSU personnel also conducted a sixhour school bus preventive maintenance seminar in June. Approximately 22 individuals from local school districts were in attendance.



Goal 1.4

Traffic collisions were the primary cause of the noted road closures during the second quarter. Proper notifications were made and appropriate procedures were followed. Additionally, the Central Division Traffic Management Center (TMC) made immediate notification to the media concerning full-freeway or major state route closures and alternate routes via fax. TMC reports traffic conditions, full-freeway or major state route closures and alternate routes during eight daily television reports and 25 daily radio reports.

Goal 1.5

Personnel specifically dedicated to the Department's statewide effort in reducing auto theft are assigned to various elements of Central Division's Special Operations, Investigative Services Unit-Vehicle Theft, Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) Task Force, Kern County Auto Theft Task Force (KERNCATT), Stanislaus County Vehicle Theft Task Force (STANCATT), and Tulare Regional Auto Theft Team (TRATT).

During the first quarter, The Vehicle Theft Unit made 29 auto theft related arrests, recovered 39 stolen vehicles, conducted 3 business inspections and assisted in two large scale allied agency arrest operations. Additionally, the Salvage Vehicle Inspection Program inspected approximately 871 salvaged vehicles. One was determined to be a VIN switched stolen, and two contained stolen engines and components.

The HEAT Task Force recovered 43 occupied stolen vehicles, made 47 auto theft related arrests and conducted 26 probation/parole searches. The team also conducts meetings for all Fresno auto theft detectives the first Thursday of each month to facilitate sharing information.

TRATT recovered 46 occupied stolen vehicles, made 64 auto theft related arrests or cases, investigated 4 chop-shops, and made 47 warrant or other arrests. Additionally, TRATT conducted 18 parole/probation searches, 8 business inspections, and assisted allied agencies on 33 auto theft cases. Through the first two quarters of 2009, Tulare County has realized approximately a 20 percent decrease in the total number of vehicle thefts over the same period in 2008.

KERNCATT continues to combat auto theft in Kern County through many avenues. Through the first five months of 2009 the theft rate in Kern County has decreased six percent when compared to 2008 statistics. In the second quarter KERNCATT has made 38 recoveries, 16 occupied recoveries, and 39 felony arrests.

KERNCATT works against auto theft by patrolling, conducting follow up on recovered vehicles, working with informants, assisting ISU investigators, saturation patrols with allied agencies, and educating patrol officers. KERNCATT is in the planning stages of starting a Craig's List "store front" and will start to utilize a Bakersfield Police bait vehicle. Additionally, KERNCATT has recently assisted Kern County Sheriff with a three week surveillance investigation where at least 16 gang members have been arrested for charges ranging from auto theft, conspiracy to commit auto theft, drug sales, and conspiracy to commit murder.

KERNCATT, in an effort to become a multi agency task force, has had part time participation from investigators from the Bakersfield Police Department (BPD). Because of the success of this cooperation, BPD investigators will start working as KERNCATT members three days per week.



Safety Services personnel throughout the Division are visiting State owned or leased facilities to ensure all crimes are reported properly. Central Division Areas have MOU's in place with local Law Enforcement Agencies to designate which agency will investigate crimes on state property. All Central Division Area coordinators were trained, per MM 08-049, on policy and Data entry into the CIRS database in June.

The Central Division SSP Coordinator participated in several Protective Service Details; California Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger's visit to San Luis Reservoir in April, to Fresno and Mendota in June, and the First Lady of the United States of America Michelle Obama's visit to UC Merced in May. Additionally, he conducted a CHP Terrorism Liaison Program presentation for the Division Commercial Unit Meeting in June.



Area/Divison:

CENTRAL DIVISION - 401

Goal 3.3 - Customer Service

Performance Measure: Commanders will develop professional relationships and partnerships with community leaders and organizations to reflect the population the command serves in order to promote traffic safety education and departmental services available to the public. To assist with developing relationships, commanders shall attend meetings of local county board of supervisors and meet with board members on a quarterly basis. Additionally, attending scheduled city council/county board of supervisors and school board meetings in concert with their police and sheriff's departments will help the Department show support an answer questions about CHP roles and responsibilities.

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Cmltv.
Number of meetings held between commanders and local county					115
board of supervisors.	61	54			113
Number of meetings held between commanders and city councils.		9			9
Number of meetings held with school boards, community services districts, neighborhood associations, and local elected officials.		101			101
Number of meetings held with community groups.		87			87
Number of community events attended.		203			203

Comments on quarterly meetings:

Area commanders meet regularly with their respective local County Boards of Supervisors and other local governmental groups (i.e., Public Works Departments, Caltrans, District Attorneys, Chambers of Commerce) to address mutual concerns.

The Department's Community Outreach Inclusion Plan was provided to Commanders and was discussed and expectations were conveyed at the April DACC. The following is a sampling of Area activity contributing to the efforts for improving community outreach programs to further promote the Department's success in reaching out to all of California's diverse communities:

A focus group meeting was held in April to discuss the CHP's Strategic Plan and its relation to the El Protector Program in reducing DUI collisions and fatalities. Chief Abrames, the Special Services Commander and Coordinator, the SAFE Sergeant and over 25 members of the Hispanic Community throughout Central Division attended. The focus of the discussion was enhancing traffic safety in the Hispanic/Latino community and promoting awareness in the Department's effort to reduce at-fault traffic collisions for persons with Hispanic/Latino surnames. The Commercial Unit is in the process of selecting three El Protector Officers with interviews scheduled for August. A follow-up meeting is also scheduled in August and the program will be kicked-off September 16, 2009.



The SAFE Unit provides numerous traffic safety education and community outreach events throughout the Central Valley. Forty-four migrant public education presentations were provided by the unit during the second quarter. The Commercial Unit provided 17 community outreach seminars.

Lieutenant Ayala and Lieutenant S. Samra attended the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors meeting in June. During the meeting, Lieutenant Ayala announced his retirement and thanked the Board members for their support of the Department. Lieutenant Ayala introduced Lieutenant Samra as the new Sonora Area Commander effective July 1, 2009.

The Fresno Area utilizes a "Community Oriented Policing" unit of five officers to address community traffic concerns. A newly assigned officer to the unit was introduced to Supervisor Henry Perea. Education and the reduction in fatal traffic collisions, general crime statistics, auto theft, and two officer involved shootings were discussed. The Supervisor was complimentary of the CHP's service to the community.

The Merced Area Commander attended four Merced County Board of Supervisors meetings and met with members of the board to discuss local traffic safety issues on five separate occasions. The Commander attended local town hall meetings at the request of members of the board to field traffic safety questions from citizens. The PIO also attended Municipal Advisory Committee meetings in which the board member representing that district was present. The Merced Area worked closely with the Secret Service and the local chiefs of police to help organize First Lady Michelle Obama's appearance at UC Merced during the commencement ceremony. The entire Merced Area was involved and the event was considered a great success. Additionally, the Area recently designated an officer position as the Community Outreach Officer to further increase the Area's involvement in its various communities. Since implementing the program, the Area has received many calls thanking the CHP for their participation.

The Chowchilla Inspection Facility Commander attended an Ag Industry meeting in May at the Merced Farm Bureau. The meeting was organized by the Central Division Commercial Unit and was developed in advance of the harvest season to discuss laws and regulations related to the transportation of agricultural products. Approximately 30 people attended. The CHP's mission to ensure traffic safety was reiterated.

